

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME			
COMMON: Ruins - Charles town Wharf			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Stones lie into the water south of the point of land			
CITY OR TOWN: Charles town south of the corner of Conestoga and Water Sts.			
STATE: Md		COUNTY: Cecil	
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object (Ruins)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious		Park	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: The town of Charles town			
STREET AND NUMBER: Bladen and Market Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Charles town		STATE: Md	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court			
STREET AND NUMBER: Cecil County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN: Elkton		STATE: Md	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☐ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☒ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☐ Altered

N.A.

☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stones remain of a wharf reported as
 wide enough for four wagons to pass
 are exposed at low tide. They were
 later used as a rebuilt ~~wharf~~ fishing
 pier.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The wharf that runs south into the
 Northeast River of the Chesapeake Bay
 once was used to load and unload
 goods traded with other American ports and
 presumably with foreign countries, since
 it served the adjacent Customs House.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Nelson Mc Call at site 2 Dec 73

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE

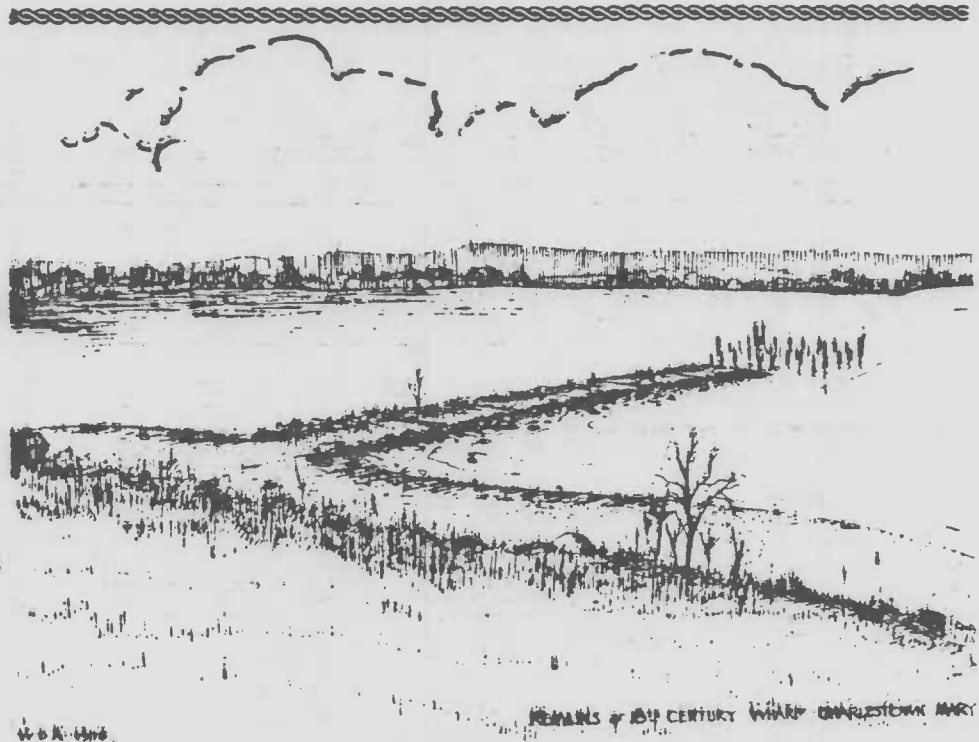
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

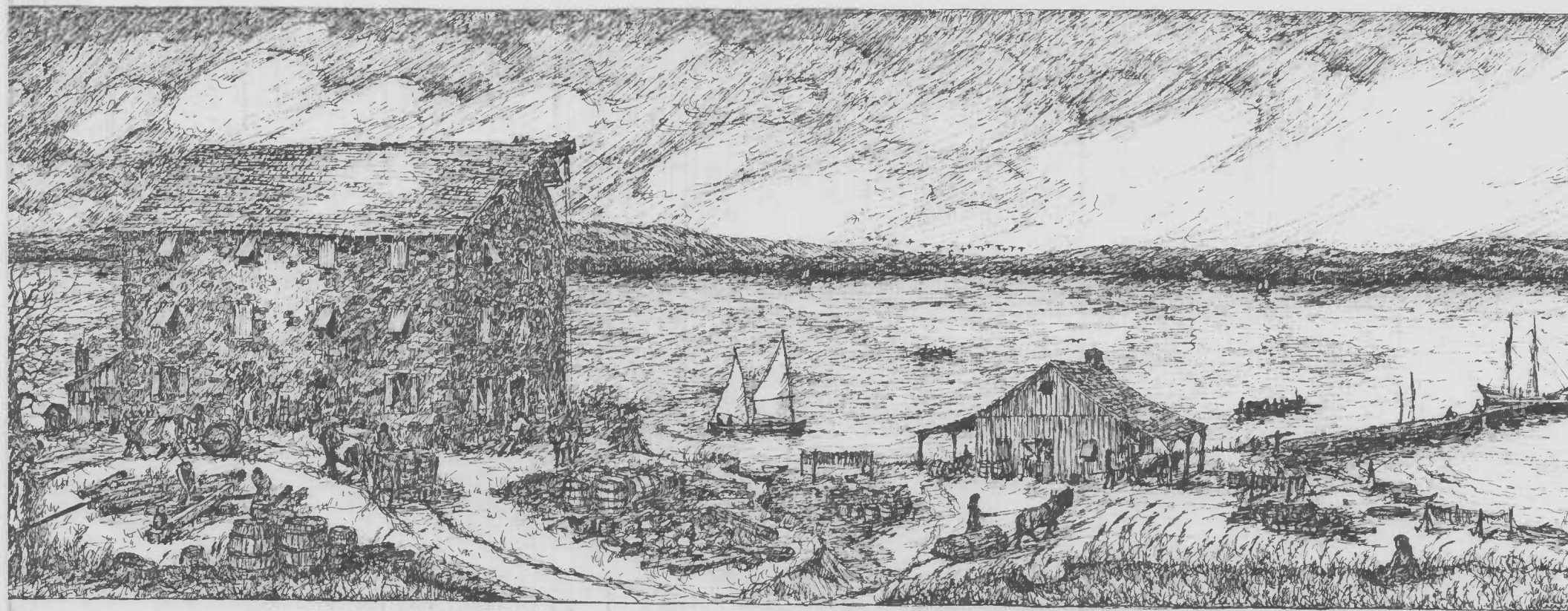
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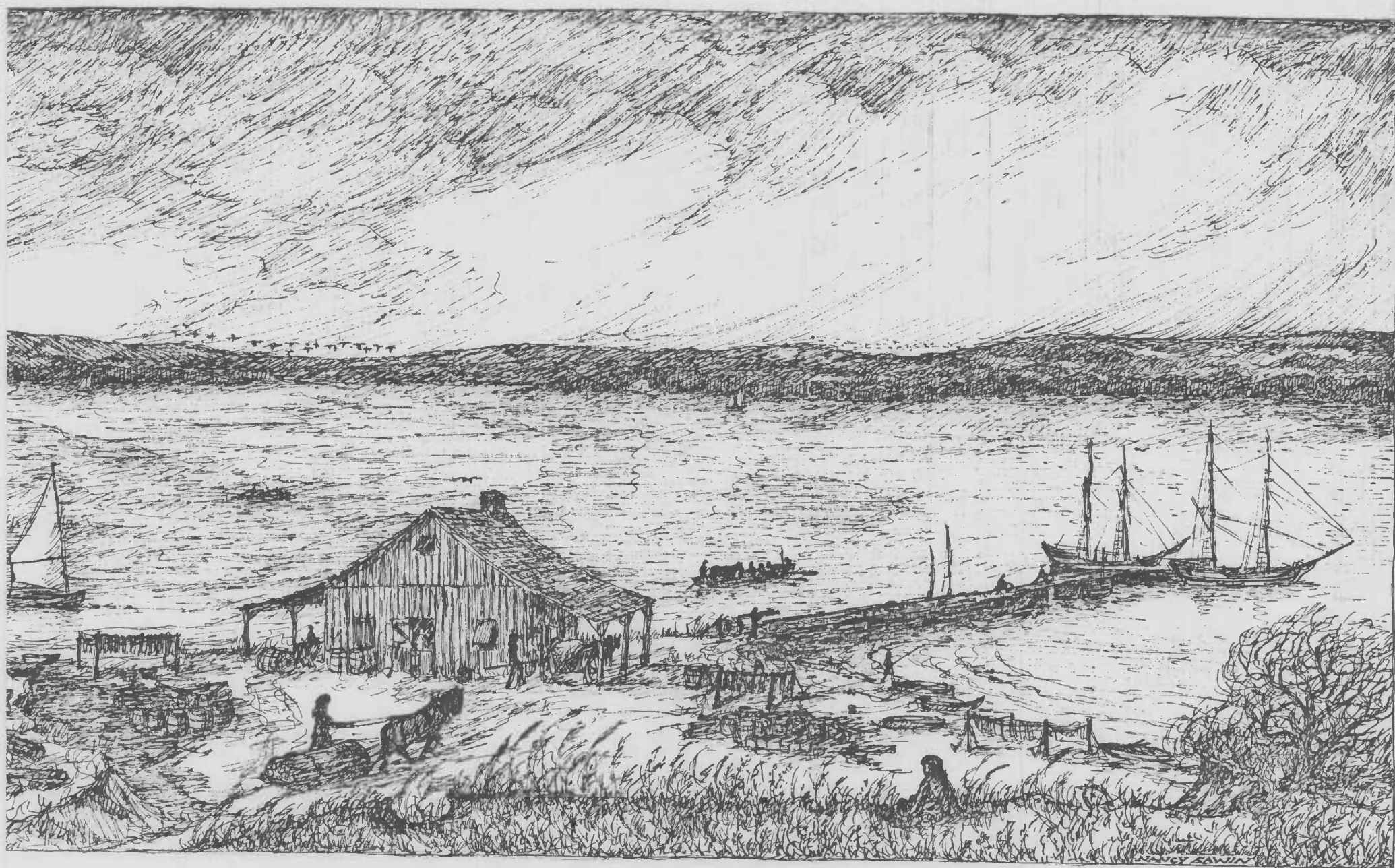


CHARLESTOWN WHARF

When the General Assembly of the Province of Maryland enacted a law in 1742 to build a town at Long Point on the North East River—a town to be called Charlestown—It also enacted a law to build a wharf at the same site. The wharf extended 300 feet out into the river and was wide enough for the passage of three wagons. It was built of heavy log cribbing, filled with stones not native to this area, which were probably brought in as ship ballast. In addition to the wharf itself, there stood here an inspection house for inspecting and grading flour before it was shipped. Grains were stored in a massive stone warehouse, three stories high, eighty feet long with first floor walls 36 inches thick. During the Revolutionary War, Charlestown was a supply depot for the Continental Army. At that time, supplies were stored in the warehouse and were brought to Charlestown by ship and barge from the southern part of the state.







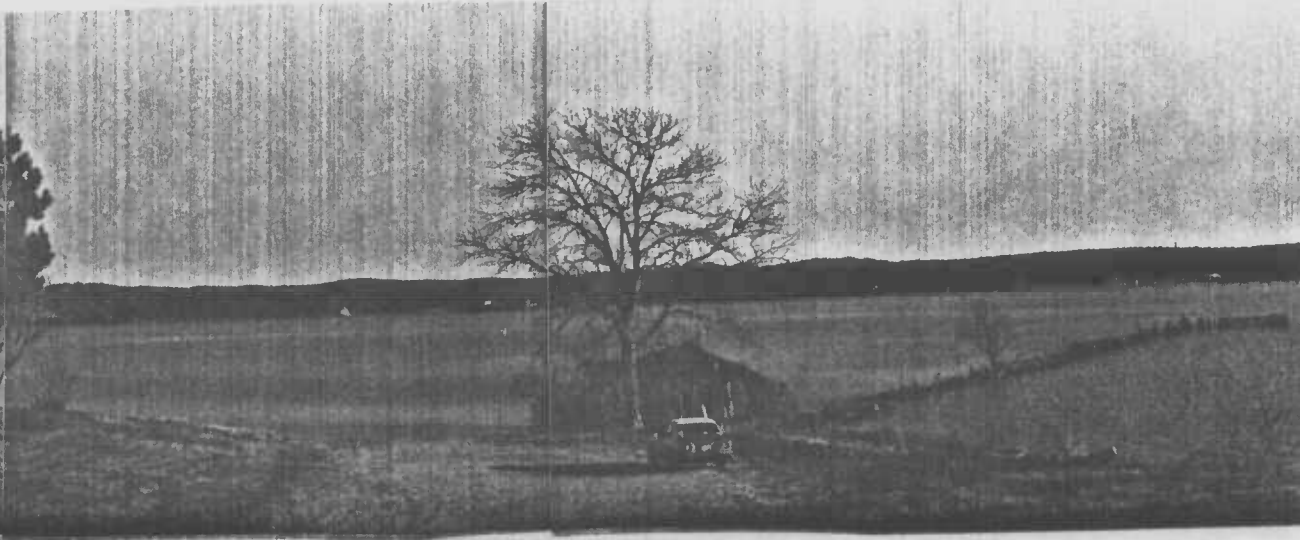
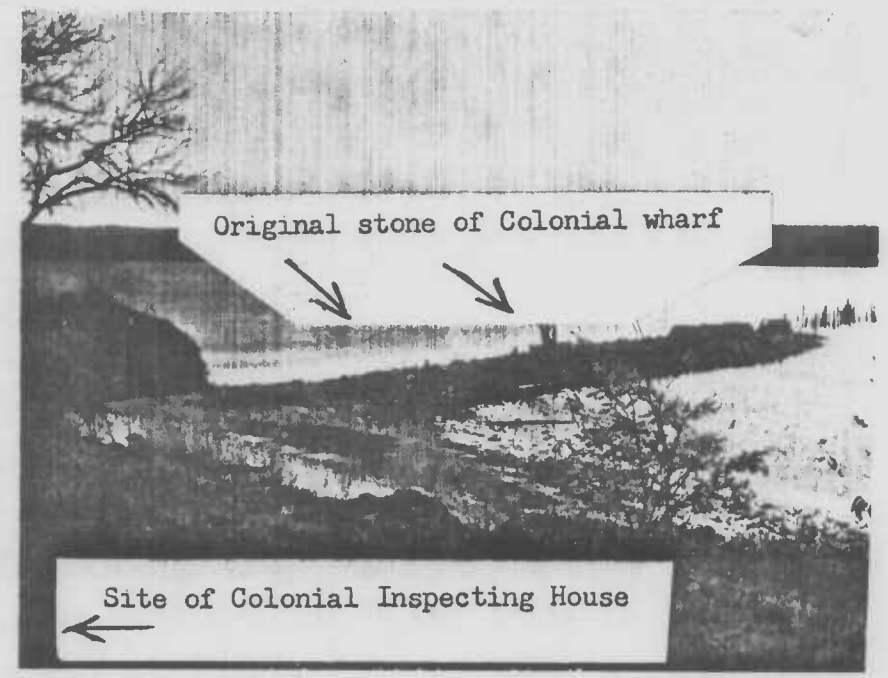
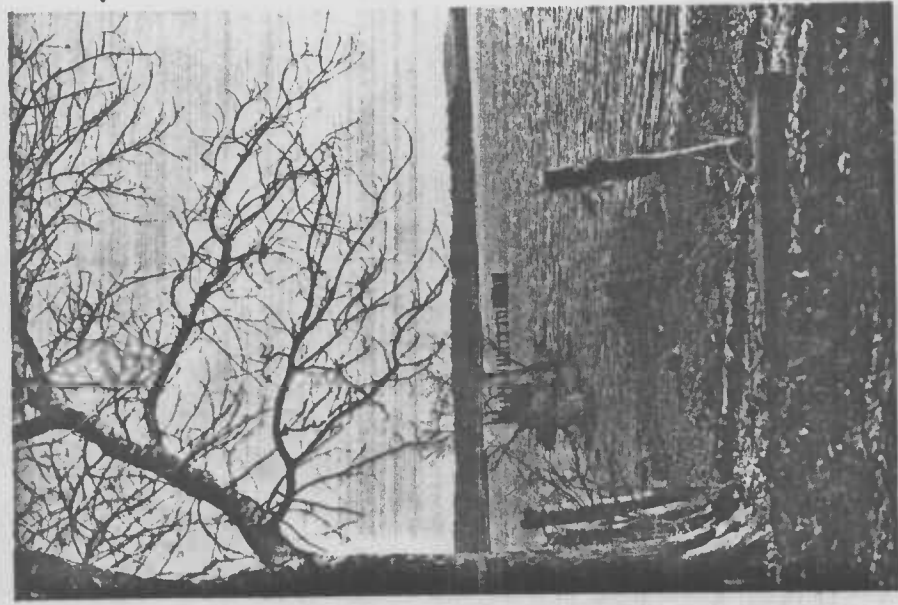


Photo. taken at extreme low tide



Original stone of Colonial wharf

Site of Colonial Inspecting House



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SITE OF CHARLESTOWN WHARF
LOOKING SOUTHEAST
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND